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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SOUTH BETHEL

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

LOWER PEACH TREE BAPTIST CHURCH,

September 29th, 30th and October 1st and 2nd, 1887.

OFFICERS:

J. R. COWAN, MODERATOR.....Cunningham, Ala.
J. H. CREIGHTON, CLERK .....Horch, Ala.
W. N. NICHOLS, TREASURER. .....Nicholsville, Ala.

The next Session of the Association will be held with the Mt. Gilmer Church, Clark County, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1888.

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MINUTES.

The fourth Annual Session of the South Bethel Association convened with the Lower Peach Tree Baptist Chnrch at Lower Peach Tree, Wilcox county, Ala., on Thursday, September 29th, 1887.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. R. Cowan.

The introductory sermon was preached at 11 o'clock A. M., by Rev. S. A. Adams, from text, Psalms 42, 1. "As the heart panteth after the water brook," etc.

After the sermon the church letters were called for and red by Rev. W. A. Parker. Churches and messengers were then enrolled:

Mt Giliard—J N Jones and J C Gwinn.
Evergreen—T B Gwinn.
Elim—T L Williams, J D Hudson, W T Joiners.
River Hill—S A Adams.
Grove Hill—J W Dickinson, R G Fendley.
Pleasant Grove—I J Pitman.
West Bend—J R Cowan, H Foscue, J M Threadgill.
Deep Creek—J E White, W A Parker, W N Nichols.
Hoboken—N L Pointer, N L Bates, C W Hudson.
Enon—Elijah Autery.
Horch—J H Creighton, T A Creighton.
Bassetts Creek—J H Fendley, R T Wilson, W. C. Fendley, L P Tree, J D Linsey, M S Stabler, J W Gibson.
Salem—R P Benson, W L Gorrick, J E Bradford.
Putnam—A J Hearn, W H White.
Ulconush—B A Clanton, Jr.
New Prospect—B A Clanton.
Midway—M M Danzey, W L Williams.
Witch Creek—G F Ward.
Canetouchy—J W Webb, J C Wade.
Mt Vernon—J T Webb.
Rockville—F T Payne.
Forest Springs—R S Armistead. R C Brown, H Perry.
New Hope—W L Henderson, P E Stewart, A B Stutts.
Suggsville—Jerre Cleveland, Robert Carter.
Amity—W R Pruitt, B Boroughs.
Peniel—J W Mathews.

Round Hill—C B Jackson, J W Jackson.

The Association then adjourned till two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Association re-assembled for business. Bro. A. J. Hearn led the Association in prayer.

The Association then proceeded to elect permanent officers. The Moderator appointed brethren W. A. Parker and S. A. Adams, as tellers.

Bro. J. W. Dickinson put in nomination the name of J. R; Cowan, for Moderator; J. H. Creighton, for Clerk, and W. N. Nichols, for Treasurer. After balloting the tellers announced J R. Cowan elected Moderator; J. H. Creighton, Clerk, and W. N. Nichols, Treasurer.

The Moderator and Clerk returned thanks to the Association for their re-election for the fourth Session of this body.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Association on order of business, presented an order of business which was adopted.

Petitionary letters was then called for, when a letter was presented by bro. W. H. Williamson from Good Hope, asking admission into this body.

On motion, the petition was granted and the Moderator extended the messenger, bro. W. H. Williamson, the right hand of fellowship.

On motion of bro. W. S. Parker, that all visiting brethren from sister Associations be recognized as corresponding messengers. Bros. J. W. Dunaway and E. Adams, were present from the Bethel Association. Bro. S. Cook from Pine Barren Association.

The Moderator announced the following committees to report during this session:

On preaching—Pastor and Deacons of the Lower Peach Tree church, and bro. J. M. Threadgill from West Bend.

On Finance—Bros. W. H. White, Henry Foster and J. W. Gibson.

On Nominations, Documents and Requests—Bros. A. J. Hearn, W. C. Fendly and T. A. Creighton.

On Religious Literature—Bros. S. A. Adams, B. A. Clanton, A. N. L. Painter.

On Correspondence—Bros. J. E. White, T. B. Guinn and W. L. Williams.

The committee on preaching reported that Rev. W. A. Parker, to preach in this house at 7 1-2 o'clock P. M.

The committee on Bible and Colportage work, not ready to report; their report was postponed untill Saturday morning.

Bro. J. W. Dunaway presented the claims of the Alabama Baptist, showing the importance of every Baptist family in the State taking and reading the paper. The Association then adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

Preaching Thursday night by bro. Parker.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Friday, 9 o'clock A. M. Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by bro. H. Perry.

The Association proceeded with regular order of business. The Moderator appointed the following brethren on apportionment. W. A. Parker, J. H. Fendley and J. W. Dickinson.

On State Mission work in the bounds of this Association, bros. J. H. Creighton, J. H. Fendley and A. J. Hearn.

The following report on Temperance was read by bro. J. W. Dickinson for committee who was absent.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We the Committee on Temperance are pleased to announce to the South Bethel Association that the cause of temperance is progressing findly in Alabama, and might say, all over our country. The late defeat of prohibition in the State of Texas is much to be regretted, and the friends of the cause in that State acted imprudently in precipitating on election before public sentiment had been properly educated on the subject.

We think it advisable not to be too hasty in this good work. It is

better to take a neighborhood, a township or a county, when the popular feeling is ripe for it, than to attempt to get a whole State and suffer defeat. Our last Legislature in obedience to the popular demand enacted prohibiting laws for eight or ten counties, besides numerous laws covering townships and parts of townships. In this way our State and other States are largely blessed with prohibiting laws, and in due time the "whole lump will be leavened."

The churches of this country have been shamefully at fault, in feeling and action on this great question. The united action of those who profess to be followers of the Savior of men, could long since have swept the whisky traffic from this country. The churches must come up to the standard of duty in this matter and press onward in the good work until public sentiment, especially that of the church is educated to regard a whisky-selling church member as too odious and mischievious for church membership. These practices are at war with the spirit and mission of Christ, and those who would have His spirit will not hesitate to give up such unwholy demoralizing and mischievious habits.

ISAAC GRANT, Chairman.

After being discussed by bros. J. H. Fendly, S. A. Adams, J. E. White J. W. Dunaway and J. W. Dickinson, was then adopted.

Suspended order of business and read letters from churches just handed in, after which the regular order of business was resumed.

The committee on Aged and Infirm ministers made the following report:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your Committee report that they have distributed the amount $31.30, appropriated at the last session of the Association, equally to the following persons. Rev. N. Thomas, Sisters L. L. DeWitt and E. S. Hickson. We recommend that bro. Jas. Kelly be added to the list of Aged and Infirm Ministers. Your Committee further urge that the churches respond more liberally to this object of benevolence.

At least fifty dollars each ought to be raised for the above named bretnren and sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FENDLEY, Chairman.

After being discussed by bros. J. H. Fendley, S. A. Adams, J. E. White, the report was amended by adding Rev. A. J. Stringer's name to the list. Pending the discussion of report, twenty-four dollars and fifty cents, ($24.50) was raised to be equally divided between the five above named persons. The report was then adopted.

The Moderator continued the same committee, (J. H. Fendley, J. W. Dickinson and J. H. Creighton) to receive

and disburse all funds for aged and infirm ministers, their widows, etc.

The Association then adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 P. M., the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by bro. S. A. Adams.

The committee on woman's work reported:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee on Woman's Work rejoice to report that in the State at large, there is a growing interest. And that the sisters are doing some good work. It is however with regret that we report the work abaiting within our own bounds. A great power of the church to day is in the sisters, who with willing hearts and hands are ready to work when properly encouraged by the church. We would earnestly urge that our people avail themselves of this great power which awaits to be utilized.

We further recommend that every church organize a Ladies Mission Society. For this purpose we recommend that a committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to call the attention of the churches to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HEARN, Chairman.

Which was adopted.

The order of business was suspended for miscellaneous business.

The committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests, offered a report which was laid on the table.

The former Treasurer's report was read by the Clerk, received and adopted.

W. J. THORNTON,

In account with South Bethel Association.

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Oct. 2.	To balance as per last Report	$220 05
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	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for Foreign Missions..	$67 97
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for Home Missions...	68 58
	By am't paid W. B. Crumpton for Colportage.....	40 50
	Bible work...	1 90
	Evangelization Colored Students.....	1 55
	Total..	$220 05

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. THORNTON.

On motion, the report on Nominations, Documents and Requests was taken from the table, amended and then adopted as amended.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS, DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee on Nominations, Documents and Requests, submit the following Report:

On Nominations, we suggest that any brother attending the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and sister Associations, be authorized to represent us. We recommend that Elder W. H. DeWitt preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Convention of this body, and that Elder J. W. Dickinson be alternate, that Elder W. A. Parker preach a Doctrinal Sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday, Rev. R. J. N. DeWitt alternate.

On Requests, one application has been made for membership in our body, from Good Hope, which was granted.

We recommend that the next Convention of this body be held with Mt. Giliad Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in October, 1888.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. HEARN, Chairman.

Regular order of business resumed, and the committee on State of Religion made the following report:

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Appointee on this Committee begs leave to state that with the short notice of the duty before him, it was impossible for him to make anything like a full or elaborate report in this Convention. We are pleased however, to say, that upon an examination of Statistical Reports, we find that there were one hundred and thirty-four Baptisms within the bounds of the Association during the year. Holding as we do, to the Bible taught doctrine of repentance and faith before baptism, we feel safe in reporting it our opinion that the State of Religion is encouraging.

The churches in the main seem to be in good working order, while some discipline appears to prevail. Some of the churches are decreasin beneficence while others are increasing their contributions. And while we feel encouraged, yet feeling assured that these indications do not always betoken spiritual thrift, and depth of piety. We earnestly recommend to our churches more zeal in Sabbath School and Prayer-meeting work, believing that these are potent instruments in the culture of piety and spirituality.

Respectfully,

W. A. PARBER, Chr'n.

After being discussed by bro. Parker it was adopted.

The committee on Preaching reported that bro. A. J. Hearn was appointed to preach here to-night. The Association then adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Bro. Hearn preached at night according to appointment.

THIRD DA'YS PROCEEDINGS.

The Association was called to order at 9 o'clock by the Moderator. Bro. W. A. Parker conducted religious exercises. Bro. Fendley led in prayer.

The roll was then called and corrected.

The Moderator announced the following standing committees:

On Order of Business—Eld. J. H. Creighton, bro. Isaac Grant and Dr. B. Boroughs.

On Woman's Work—Bros. J. N. Jones, F. T. Payne and Rob't G. Fendley.

On Bible and Colportage Work—The colporteur of the Association, W. L. Henderson and J. D. Bedwell.

On Religious State of the Churches—Eld. A. J. Hearn, and Bros. C. W. Hudson and R. S. Armistead.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—Eld. J. E. White and the Executive committee.

On Ministerial Education—Elds. W. A. Parker, J. H. Fendley and J. D. Hudson.

On Missions—Eld. J. W. Dickinson, bros. T. J. Cowan and M. L. Stabler.

On Temperance—Eld. W. H. DeWitt, bros, T. L. Williams and C. W. Borge.

On Sabbath Schools—Bros. J. F. Murphy, T. I. Kimbell and W. T. Kimbrough.

Lhe committee on Religious Literature made the following report:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Your committee on Religious Literature beg to report, that in this the most progressive of all ages, we recognize the press as one of the most potent agents in bringing about this rapid advancement in every department of this world's affairs.

But the question often arises as to whether the general literature of the day is of such a character as to give greater force and impetus to the moral and religious world, than it has ever given in former days, or should give at this time. Believing the question to be a boubtful one, we cannot be too careful in selecting and recommending to the people such literature as is calculated to make their minds and hearts purer, and make them wise unto salvation. Hence we take pleasure in mentioning that literature the morals of which has been proven by its having been tried,

to-wit: In Sabbath Schools and home instruction in the word of God. We still recommend the International Series of lessons published in kind words, at Atlanta, Ga., and by the American Baptist Publication Society, in Philadelphia and St. Louis. For the purpose of becoming more intimately acquainted with the cause and work of Missions, we still refer the Denomination to the Foreign Mission Journal published in Richmond, Va.

It is with pride and earnestness that we speak of the Alabama Baptist, our State Organ, the value and success of which we believe to be of so much importance as to render it highly essential to the advancement of our masters cause in our State.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. ADAMS, Chr'm.

Which was discussed by bro. S. A. Adams, and was then adopted.

Tne Committee on Ministeral Education reported.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

On this interesting and very important subject, your Committee ask permission to submit the following:

All who preach the Gospel of the Son of God can, in no wise, perform this solemn and important work, as the practice of law. of medicine, of literature, teaching, etc. To do so, would be to degrade the sacred office, and to sin against God. To preach acceptably to the Great King in Zion. We must have at heart the cause of the Master, the salvation of sinners, and the glory of God, the judge of all. Than this no other motives incites to action every true minister of Jesus Christ. All true preachers enter this work by an impression, a special call, a call which they can not with impunity resist. It is like that of Aaron to the ancient high priest-hood. With such calls even the most uncultured men have done vast good.

The illitterate have aecomplished that which has astonished the world. It has been thought that they "turned the world upside down." Indeed they were the hardy pioneers of this country, a noble band of successful soul-winners to Christ. Full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, the love of Christ constrained them. Like them a good company yet remain to fight with such foes as are now to be met, on every hand, at great disadvantage. The full extent of good done by these brethren can be known only in vast eternity. For these, as well as those in the past, we cherish the highest appreciation and most grateful recollection. The work to be perpetuated till the coming of the Just one they have, with its great responsibility, transmitted to us their successors in office. But may have passed away: past into the Saints rest, while some remain to tell us how they often feel, and, doubtless, what all would speak were they on earth to day, that is, that they frequently feel like ancient Israel, when forced to make brick without straw. But it takes no far stretch of vision now to see that the times have changed, circumstances have changed, and there are marked changes in the progress of education in general.

Educational interests are rapidly increasing in every city, town, village, hamlet and country, in our State and elsewhere, and, as Baptists of the State of Alabama, the urgent demand is upon us, pressing us hard, to educate more God-given ministers, to meet more foes in the field, to triumph over huge forms of Infidelity, and the various hereticalisms of the present time. When Greek meets Greek then comes the tug of war. My brethren let us not fail to arm and equip every minister with a good

education for this, the best, yet hardest work for good, ever performed by mortals upon the earth.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. WHITE, Chr'm.

After being discussed by bros. J. E. White, J. H. Fendley, W. A. Parker and J. H. Creighton, the Report was adopted.

Bro. S. A. Adams was granted leave of absence. Association then adjourned till 2 P. M. At 2 P. M. the Association convened, bro. J. E. White lead in prayer.

By unanimous consent bro. Adams made the following Report on Bible and Colportage Work.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your Committee is pleased to learn from the ministers of your last Association, that you have determined to carry on this good work within your bounds, and to learn from your previously appointed committee that this good work has been already commenced. We think its importance to our Churches, and as it relates to the Sabbath School interest almost imparative. We do trust our ministers, as well as all the delegates who compose this body, will continue to urge this matter among their brethren that it may grow as it ought with us.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE.

Which was adopted.

Order of Business suspended, and letters from Amity and Jackson Churches were read.

REPORT ON AMITY AND JACKSON CHURCHES.

The Amity Church reported that she had licensed bro. L. W. Martin to preach the Gospel, who is now attending Howard College. On motion of bro. H. Adams, the Association offered prayer in behalf, of bro. Martin; bro. W. A. Parker lead in prayer.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Elder J. H. Creighton was appointed to preach to night in this house.

The Order of Business was resumed and the Committee on Missions reported.

The term "Missions" is not a scriptural one. Premovially considered, it signifies something sent. Theologically applied it signifies the sending of the preached Gospel, and hence includes both the message and the messenger. The term is used because it briefly, but clearly indicates the plan upon which the redemptive purpose of Christ is to be fulfilled in the earth. That purpose foretold by His prophets prior to His advent, and subsequently unfolded and emphasized by Himself and His Apostles is, that the kindness of this world shall become the Kingdom of God and His Christ.

By faith and love and liberality this world is to be subdued unto Christ.

The scripture declare that whosoever shall call upon the name of the

Lord shall be saved. But with great force of logic. The scriptures ask: How can they call on Him in whom they have not believed, and how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how can he preach except he be sent. The command of our Lord: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, etc," is the mission of the church. She is the medium of the world's evangelization. Upon her devolves the imparative obligation of bearing abroad and unfolding to even the heathen nations, the banner of the cross consumed with the blood the Lord Jesus Christ.

The question then that confronts us is, are the churches in profoundest sympathy with the purpose of their honored Redeemer? The effort we put forth and the contributions we make are the true test of our sympathy and consecration. Amounts expended by Southern Baptist for Foreign Missions for last year was $87,830, for Home Missions $86,-827. The Denomination in this State numbering 90,000, contributions less than $10,000 for State Missions. Amounts asked for during next conventional year, for Home and Foreign Missions, for Alabama is $5,000 each. State Convention asks for State Missions $15,000 for next conventional year. Will the fourteen hundred churches in this State respond in these amounts?

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Dickinson, Chr'm.

Which was discussed in the following order: State Missions, bro's. W. A. Parker and J. E. White; Home Missions, bro. A. J. Hearn; Foreign Missions, bro. J. W. Donaway.

Pendiug the discussion a collection was taken up for State Missions amounting to $10,05, (which was turned over to Committee on Finance.) The Report was then adopted.

The Association then adjourned till 9:30 A. M. to-morrow, Saturday night preaching according to appointment.

Sunday morning at 9:30 the Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Bro. J. W. Dickinson conducted religious exercises.

The Committee on Appointionment made the following report.

THE AMOUNTS ASKED FOR BY THE ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage.	Colored Students.	Howard College.	Total.
Amity	$ 3 50	$ 3 50	$ 6 50	1 50	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 3 00	$20 00
Bassetts Creek	2 33	2 33	5 62	30	30	30	2 32	13 80
Cane Creek	1 55	1 55	3 75	75	20	20	2 00	10 00
Canetouchy	80	80	2 15	25	10	10	80	5 00
Deep Creek	11 63	11 63	28 12	3 00	1 50	1 50	11 62	69 00
Elam	3 90	3 90	9 40	1 00	50	1 00	3 90	23 60
Enon	2 33	2 33	5 62	1 35	30	60	2 47	15 00
Evergreen	2 33	2 33	5 62	1 35	30	60	2 47	15 00
Forest Springs	9 76	7 76	18 74	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 74	50 00
Good Hope	80	80	2 15	25	10	10	80	5 00
Grove Hill	8 00	8 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	10 00	54 00
Hoboken	3 50	3 50	6 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	3 00	20 00
Horch	4 00	4 00	8 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	24 00
Indian Springs	2 33	2 32	5 62	60	35	30	2 33	13 85
Jackson	2 33	2 33	5 62	1 35	30	60	2 47	15 00
Lower Peach Tree	4 66	4 66	11 24	2 70	60	1 20	4 94	30 00
Mt. Giliad	3 00	3 00	7 40	80	40	40	3 00	18 00
Mt. Vernon	3 10	3 10	7 50	80	40	40	3 10	18 40
Midway	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 00	25	6 25	15 00
New Hope	4 65	4 65	12 20	2 20	1 00	65	4 65	30 00
New Prospect	1 55	1 55	3 75	75	20	20	2 00	10 00
Peniel	3 10	3 00	7 50	80	40	40	3 10	18 40
Pleasant Grove	2 33	2 33	5 62	60	30	30	2 32	13 80
Putnam	2 00	2 00	3 00	1 50	1 00	50	5 25	15 00
River Hill	2 00	2 00	5 25	1 50	1 00	50	3 00	15 00
Rockville	2 33	2 33	5 62	60	30	30	2 32	13 80
Round Hill	2 00	2 00	6 00	1 50	1 00	25	2 25	15 00
Salem	3 50	3 50	6 50	1 50	1 00	1 00	3 00	20 00
Stave Creek	2 33	2 33	5 62	60	30	30	2 32	13 80
Suggsville	2 00	2 00	6 00	1 50	1 00	25	2 25	15 00
Ulconush	4 65	4 65	12 20	2 20	1 00	65	4 65	30 00
West Bend	7 75	7 75	18 75	3 00	1 00	1 00	10 75	50 00
Witch Creek	80	80	2 15	25	10	10	80	5 00

TOTAL: Home Missions $108.83, Foreign Missions $108.73, State Missions $261.51, Indigent Ministers $46.50, Bible and Colportage $21.90, Colored Students $18.95, Howard College $115.87, Total $668.40.

The committee on Correspondence reported:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence report the following letter to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and also to Bethel, Antioch and Bigbee Associations:

Dear Brethren—We delegate as messengers to represent us in your bodies any members of our Association who may be present.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. GWINN, Chr'm.

The report was adopted.

The Executive committee made a partial report which was concurred in:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee to arrange the Mission Work in our bounds have made inquiry about the Mission Work needed, and we have learned that the Jackson Church is now self sustaining. Suggsville, Witch Creek and Good Hope are still needing help. There is also a request for help from Canetouchy. There are other places in our Association that ought to be occupied.

We recommend that the churches asking help, be helped as follows:

Suggsvillee, J. W. Dickinson, Pastor	$25 00
Witch Creek, C. J. Miles, Pastor	50 00
Canetouchy, A. J. Stringer, Pastor	25 00
Good Hope, to be supplied	50 00

J. H. CREIGHTON,
J. H. FENDLEY,
A. J. HEARN,
Committee.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, that we tender a vote of thanks to the L. P. Tree Churches, and vicinity for the generous hospitality extended this Association.

Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed to settle with the Missionaries employed by this Association during the past year out of funds in his hands, and that any balance for State Missions in his hands thereafter be used by him toward the liquidation of claims against us by brother Kelley, and for services rendered prior to last year.

Resolved, that the collection taken to-day be devoted to State Missions and turned over to the Treasurer to be applied by him as per previous instruction.

Resolved, that the Treasurer be instructed to pay over to bro. W. B. Crumpton funds on hand for Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and Bible and Colportage, and funds for Indigent Ministers, etc., to Committee of this Association, appointed to receive the same.

Resolved, that the clerk be paid $17.50 for preparation and distribution minutes, and balance be used for printing and distributing same.

In the absence of a report on Sabbath Schools, the report of last year was read and Sunday School work was briefly discussed by several brethren.

On motion, J. H. Creighton was continued as Colporteur for this Association.

On motion, the Moderator appointed bros. W. D. Parker, J. E. White and J. H. Creighton to confer with bro. Crumpton and sister Association as to grouping Associations.

The Finance committee made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Financc beg to report as follows: We have received in cash and vouchers.

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For State Missions	$175 85 ½
For Foreign Missions	87 07
For Home Missions	81 68
For Bible and Colportage	10 50
For Indigent Ministers	30 40
For Colored People	5 10
For Ministeral Education	89 11 ½
For Minute Fund	41 60
For Col. from Congregation for S. M	11 90
For Col. from Congregation for I. M	24 50
Total	$557 72

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By amount vouchers	$225 72
By amount paid Treasurer	307 50
By amount paid Executive Committee	24 50
Total	$557 72

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WHITE, Chr'm.

At eleven o'clock according to previous appointment, Elder J. E. White preached a Doctrinal sermon from Romans vi; 4. Rev. J. W. Duncan preached same hour in Methodist church.

At the close of the services a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to $11.90.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Mt. Giliad church, on Thursday before First Sunday in October, 1888.

J. R. COWAN, Moderator,

J. H. CREIGHTON, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

H. Adams	Lower Peach Tree, Ala.
S A Adams	Solitpa, "
J H Fendley	Grove Hill, "
J W Dickinson	Grove Hill, "
C J Miles	Nicholsville, "
J E White	Nicholsville, "
W H DeWitt	Nicholsville, "
W A Parker	Nicholsville, "
A J Stringer	Jackson, "
J V Stringer	Jackson, "
R J W DeWitt	Jackson, "
Wm Hill	Horch, "
J H Creighton	Horch, "
N Thomas	Pine Hill, "
J B Small	Bagget, "
W W Whatley	Winn, "
J D Hudson	Choctaw Corner, "
A J Hearn	Putnam, "
Jas Kelley	Nettleborough, "

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1887.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage Work.	Colored Students.	Howard College.	Minute Fund.	School Expenses.	Total.	Postor's Salary.	Value of Building and Furniture
Amity	$ 2 00	$ 3 25	$ 5 00	$	$	$	$ 2 00	$ 1 50	$ 5 00	$	$ 75 00	$ 500 00
Bassett's Creek	1 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	30		25	1 50		10 05		380 00
Cane Creek												200 00
Deep Creek	12 00	11 95	30 57	3 00	1 50		11 65	1 50	7 60		200 00	800 00
Elam	2 00	3 00	2 80					1 95		10 75		400 00
Enon	2 33	2 33	5 62	35	30	60	2 33	1 50		15 35		300 00
Evergreen	2 00	2 00	3 00	80	1 00	20	1 00	1 50	3 80	11 50	50 00	350 00
Forest Springs	9 76	7 76	18 74	2 00	1 00		10 74	4 00		54 00	200 00	500 00
Good Hope								1 30		1 30		150 00
Grove Hill	6 00	5 00	15 00		2 00		7 00	2 50	5 00	42 50	200 00	800 00
Hoboken	3 10	3 10	7 50	40	80	80	2 50	1 50	1 80	19 70		400 00
Horeb	4 40	4 40	8 00	1 25		30	3 40	1 60	5 00	25 85	50 00	200 00
Indian Springs												300 00
Jackson	2 25	2 00	3 00				1 75	1 00	5 00	10 00	75 00	300 00
L Peach Tree	4 00	4 00	9 00	2 00	50		5 50	1 00		26 00	150 00	
Mt Gilead	3 00	3 00	7 00	1 00			2 40	1 50	10 00	17 90	50 00	400 00
Mt Vernon			1 25					1 00		2 25		400 00
Midway	50	75	2 00	2 00	1 00		75	1 35		7 85	75 00	400 00
New Hope	4 65	4 65	11 20	1 20	60	60	4 65	2 00		29 55	150 00	400 00
New Prospect	1 55	1 55	2 00	2 10	20		1 80	1 20		10 40		400 00
Peniel		4 00	2 50	4 50				1 20		12 20		300 00
Pleasant Grove	1 16	1 16	2 00	2 10			2 32	1 00		9 75		350 00
Putnam	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 20	40	4 90	1 25		9 50		
River Hill	77	77	2 17	20	10	10	1 17	1 50		6 80		400 00
Rockville	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 50	50		2 00	1 00		10 00		100 00
Round Hill	20	1 55						70		2 75		300 00
Salem	1 50	1 50	3 00	10			1 50	1 50		9 10		400 00
Stone Creek												
Suggsville	3 00	5 00	2 00				5 00	1 00		16 00		500 00
Canetouchy				70				1 00		1 70		
Ulconush	4 35	4 45	11 20				5 00	2 50		27 50		500 00
West Bend	7 75	7 75	18 75	3 00	1 00	1 00	10 75	2 00		52 00	150 00	
Witch Creek	40	40	1 30	20				1 00		3 30		350 00
Collections at Association			21 95	24 50								
Total	$83 68	89 33	175 55	$54 90	$ 14 00	4 00	$90 36	$44 10	$43 20	$ 475 15	$ 475 15	12 58000

SOUTH BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION'S STATISTICS FOR 1887

Churches.	County.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post Office of Church Clerks.	Membership last Reported.	Increase by: Baptism.	Increase by: Letter.	Increase by: Experience.	Increase by: Restoration.	Decrease by: Letter.	Decrease by: Exclusion.	Decrease by: Erasure.	Decrease by: Death.	Present Membership.	Sunday School: Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School: Pupils.	Sunday School: Volumes in Library.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Revival Reports.	
Amity	Clarke.	H Creighton	J T Freeman	Horeb Ala	44	7	6	...	1	1	..	...	2	55	4	25	....	4	1	1	Names of Ch'rches organized during year:
Bassett's Creek	"	H Fendley	G W Stephens	Grove Hill, Ala.	95	3	...	...	2	9	2	..	..	89	4	15	.....	3	.....		
*Cane Creek	Wilcox	J D Hudson	D A Crocker	L Peach Tree	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*70	...	.....	....	...	.....		
Canetouchy	Clark.	A J Stringer	J C Wade	Salitpa	9	13	4	....	..	1	1	..	..	24	...	.....	....	...	1		Good Hope Ch.
Deep Creek	Marengo.	J E White	G F Nichols.	Nicholsville.	1 01	8	15	..	1	11	5	..	1	1 08	5	67	....	1	1	1	
Elam	Clark.	H Fendley	J B Sanders	Glover	1 14	24	15	1	4	6	2	..	..	1 49	4	30	...	2	1	1	
Enon	Wilcox	H Adams	C W Autry	Pine Hill	83	...	...	...	...	3	2	..	1	77	8	20	....	...	.....		
Evergreen	Clarke	J V Stringer	W T Bradley	Walkers Springs	34	11	2	....	1	2	..	...	2	44	3	20	....	3	1	1	
Forest Springs	Marengo	J E White	D F Little.	Marvin	1 98	12	4	...	2	10	.	...	3	2 03	...	.....	....	.....	.....		
Good Hope	Clarke	H Fendley	W H Williamson	Grove Hill	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	2	20	....	3	.....		
Grove Hill	"	J E White	W L Findley	Grove Hill	1 09	...	...	...	...	9	2	...	...	98	4	35	....	2	1		
Hoboken	Marengo	A J Hearn	G M Smith	Nicholsville	38	12	16	...	4	2	..	..	1	67	6	22	....	4	1	1	
Horeb.	Clarke.	H Creighton	J Henry Creighton.	Horeb	65	2	..	...	...	...	1	...	1	65	3	25	....	3	.....		
Indian Springs	Marengo	B Small.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	.....		
Jackson.	Clarke.	H Creighton	A Primm	Jackson.	10	..	2	...	...	..	..	...	..	12	4	25	....	2	.....		
L Peach Tree	Wilcox	W Dickinson	W H Tomlinson	L Peach Tree	34	..	..	...	...	6	..	..	..	28	2	3	....	1	.....		
Mt Gilead	Clarke.	H Creighton	J N Jones	Walker's Springs	40	11	1	...	...	1	2	..	1	48	4	25	....	1	1	1	
Mt Vernon	"	B Small.	W J Spinks	Choctaw Corner	1 01	..	5	...	...	3	2	..	..	1 01	5	20	....	1	.....		
Midway	"	H Fendley	C W Burge	Tallahatta Springs.	55	2	8	1	..	1	..	...	..	65	2	12	....	4	1		Names of Ch'rches dismissed to other Associations.
New Hope	"	W Dickinson	R B Danzy	Choctaw Corner	1 14	7	4	...	..	8	3	..	..	1 01	3	20	....	3	.....		
New Prospect	"	S A Adams	Henry White	Bedsole	1 01	2	2	...	2	16	..	...	1	79	...	.....	....	4	..		
Peniel	"	R J W DeWitt	J E Payne	Jackson	84	5	3	...	1	3	1	..	1	90	4	22	....	2	1	1	
Pleasant Grove	"	R J W DeWitt	I J Pitman	Salitpa	60	9	..	..	4	3	4	1	..	75	...	...	....	...	.....		
Putnam	"	A J Hearn	E D Little.	Putnam	21	4	7	...	..	2	..	..	..	32	5	39	....	...	.....		Friendship Ch. to Antioch.
River Hill	"	R J W DeWitt	Wm Tolin	Salitpa	55	2	3	...	..	....	3	.....	..	59	4	25	....	4	.....		
Rockville.	"	S A Adams.	Wm M Mobley.	Singleton.	17	....	...	...	..	1	1	..	..	15	...	.....	....	2	.....		
Round Hill	"	J B Small.	J M Nelson	Baggett.	65	..	3	2	1	1	..	...	..	70	5	30	....	2	.....		
Salem	"	H Fendley	J W Wilson	Grove Hill	1 22	1	2	1	2	5	1	...	1	1 21	...	.....	....	1	.....		
*Stone Creek.	"	J V Stringer	L H Dubose.	Jackson	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	.....	....	...	.....		
Suggsville	"	J W Dickinson	Jere Cleveland	Suggsville.	19	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	.....	....	2	.....		
Ulconush	"	A J Hearn	J D Bedwell.	Coffeeville	1 58	10	13	...	3	3	1	..	2	1 75	3	20	....	3	.....		
West Bend.	"	J W Dickinson	W J Thornton	Coffeeville	45	4	2	...	1	2	..	...	1	45	4	26	....	4	1	1	
Witch Creek	"	C J Miles	A Casity	Wood's Bluff	19	4	10	3	..	2	..	..	..	31	...	.....	....	...	1	1	
Total					24 99	1 55	1 29	8	29	1 01	33	1	18	25 92	87	5 26	....		12	10	

*Not represented as reported last year.

NOTE.—It will be observed that the present membership of some of the churches do not correspond with the number reported last year and the increases, etc. Clerks will please take notice and try to give as accurate statistics as possible, as it is desirable to have a correct report of the membership. Clerks will please fill all the blanks in the church letter that can be done. CLERK.

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